

Oct. 21, 1520

Magellan entered the strait
which bears his name.

Oct 27, 1520

Magellan rounded the Horn

1520

Specially grown rifle barrel
invented by AUGUST KOTTER

1520

MOCTEZUMA II died. War and
plague. CUAUHTEMOC was
installed as ruler.

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Luther put the Creation at 4000 B.C.
and had it that the universe was
now in its sixth and final thousand-
year period. By this reckoning it would
not end until the year 2000.

1517 - historic 95 theses in door of
the Castle Church

1521 Excommunicated

AD1520

Amerindian epidemics

The Aztecs and Incas succumbed to Spanish adventurers whose secret weapons were viruses. The troops carried small-pox, measles, and other diseases unknown in the Americas; and from 1520 onward epidemics swept through the empires like forest fire. The invaders with immunity acquired in childhood,

rode about unaffected and that heightened
the shock. Thus did some hundreds of
Europeans overwhelm millions of war-
like people, not only in the two well known
empires, but in many other places in-
cluding the recently rediscovered
TAIRONA cities of northern Colombia.

AD 1520

American epidemics. Smallpox from Hispaniola to Mexico, then to Peru in 1525; measles and other introduced diseases followed.